

ALLIES PLUNGE ONWARD AT SOMME

Guard of Fourteen States Called Out

WILL BE SENT TO BORDER TO FREE OTHERS

War Department Issues Order Dispatching Troops to Mexico Line.

10,000 COMING BACK

Those Going to Replace Ones Funston Is Instructed to Return.

Washington, Sept. 27.—National guard organizations from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, New York, Alabama, Georgia, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, and California were ordered to the Mexican border today by the war department.

Instructions were sent to General Funston ordering him to select, upon the arrival of these organizations at the border, 10,000 national guard infantry now on duty there and return them to state mobilization camps.

Battery A, field artillery, Maryland, it was announced, will be returned to the state mobilization camp and mustered out of the federal service.

6,000 Affected by Order.

Some 6,000 national guardsmen from 13 states and the District of Columbia were ordered to the Mexican border today by the war department, and at the same time Major General Funston was directed to select 10,000 troops now on the border patrol for return to their home states to be mustered out of the federal service.

Today's order will send out virtually all of the guardsmen now in the mobilization camps of the states named and will leave only about 10,000 state troops in all the country that have not seen service on the border.

Within a short time the remainder probably will be ordered out, releasing more of the organizations now under General Funston's command. The gradual return and mustering out of all the guardsmen then is expected to begin.

WILSON TALKS ON CAMPAIGN PLANS

President Discusses Arrangements With Judge Seabury for Fight to Carry New York.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 27.—Samuel Seabury, democratic candidate for governor of New York, held an early morning conference with President Wilson today and then left for New York. He said he expected victory to result from the active campaign which will be waged.

President Wilson promised Judge Seabury his active cooperation in the New York campaign.

It was agreed between Mr. Wilson and Judge Seabury that it is vital for the democratic party to carry New York. Means of combatting the effects of the coming state tour planned by Charles E. Hughes were discussed and the president may go to New York to speak.

The president played golf during the morning.

SHOOTS TWO AND THEN SLAYS SELF

New Yorker Dead and Companion Dying Following Assault of Woman Who Ended Own Life.

Philadelphia, Sept. 27.—The woman who shot and killed J. C. Graveur, of New York, seriously wounded his female companion and then committed suicide in a prominent hotel here early today, has been identified as Mrs. Harry Belzer of New York, by Mrs. Frances Apman, a sister of the dead man.

Mrs. Apman told the police Mrs. Belzer's maiden name was Margaret McAndrews and that the woman had not been living with her husband recently. Graveur, she said, was a widower and had been very friendly with Mrs. Belzer. The police at first believed Mrs. Belzer was Mrs. J. C. Ledur.

The wounded woman in the hospital at first supposed to be Graveur's wife, has not made any statement.

Weather of Past Week Harvest Aid

Washington, Sept. 27.—Widespread dry weather, with mostly mild temperatures, was decidedly favorable for harvesting and other field work generally throughout the week which ended Tuesday, according to the national weather and crop bulletin today in its final weekly issue of the season.

Corn cutting, silo filling, threshing, harvesting tobacco, potato and beet digging and cranberry picking made fine progress. Much fall plowing and grain seeding were accomplished but dry soil seriously hindered this work in parts of Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma and northern Texas, and in the majority of the states east of the Mississippi river.

Gathering of hay and fodder made excellent progress but fall pastures, late feed crops and late truck and gardens need rain.

RETURN OF GUARD ASKED BY DUNNE

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 27.—Governor Dunne today urged the war department at Washington to return Illinois troops now in Texas to this state in time to register and vote at the November election, basing his request on rumors that the troops were soon to be sent home. The governor sent the following telegram to Secretary Baker:

"Rumors here that Illinois troops at Brownsville and San Antonio soon will be permitted to return to this state. Unless they reach the state within two weeks they will, under our existing law, be disfranchised at the election. Registration days in this state are Oct. 7 and 17. Urgently recommend that if these rumors are true they be sent back in time to register and vote."

Hughes Ends Second Trip.

Cleveland, Sept. 27.—Charles E. Hughes ended today his second campaign in the middle west. He will return on his third and last campaign trip in this section early in October.

THE WAR TODAY

No rest is being given the Germans by the victorious Franco-British on the Somme front.

The British capture of Thiepval, following closely and unexpectedly upon the capture of Comblies by the combined allied forces, was itself followed up last night by a new stroke south of the Somme, where the French drove out from Verdamevillers and captured a strongly fortified wood east of the town.

Apparently this new drive is aimed at Chaulnes, which bears to the southern end of the Somme line somewhat the relation that Comblies did to the northern sector.

Related reports from the British front today announce the capture of between 3,000 and 4,000 Germans by General Haig's forces in the fighting Monday and Tuesday. The reported captures by the French bring this total up to more than 6,000. Unofficial figures show the aggregate number of prisoners taken by the Anglo-French armies during the Somme offensive from July 1 to date have been 60,000, with some 190 square miles of territory and 44 villages.

In Macedonia the entente forces apparently are encountering a stiffened Bulgarian resistance, especially west of the Vardar region.

Official reports from Bucharest take back nothing of the claims made by the Rumanians of a notable victory over Field Marshal von Mackensen in the great battle of last week in Dobruja.

Greece apparently is on the verge of entering the war on the side of the allies, King Constantine being now reported to have consented to such action.

The capture of Comblies and Thiepval by the French and British on the Somme front continued today to absorb a large part of the war news.

The taking of Comblies is declared by French military experts to have been one of the most brilliantly executed operations of the entire summer campaign.

Berlin and Vienna reports tell of the repulse of strong Russian attacks in Vahynia, Galicia, and the Carpathian mountain region. On the Rumanian front the Austrians and Germans have been compelled to evacuate two passes in the Transylvania Alps in order to avoid an encircling movement by the Rumanians.

Belief is expressed in Athens that the king of Greece will declare war immediately. Former Premier Venizelos is on his way to the island of Crete, presumably to take charge of an insurrectionary movement that has for its object the forcing of the king and the government to agree to Greece's entry into the war on the side of the entente allies.

GREECE IS ON BRINK OF WAR REPORT SAYS

Declaration From King Constantine Being Expected Almost Hourly.

FORCES JOIN REBELS

Dispatch Tells 4,000 Greek Troops Having Gone to Revolutionists.

Paris, Sept. 27 (5:30 a. m.)—Four thousand Greek troops in Crete have joined the revolutionists, according to a radio agency dispatch from Athens.

The revolutionary movement is spreading in Greek Macedonia, in Crete, the Aegean islands and in Epirus, says a Havas dispatch from Athens.

Athens, Sept. 26 (via London, Sept. 27).—In circles very close to King Constantine the belief is expressed that he will declare war immediately—possibly even this evening.

Excitement in Athens.

The greatest excitement prevails in Athens. In some quarters the feeling is expressed that Mr. Venizelos' action has been hastened by the prospect of an early agreement regarding Greece's entry into the war between Greece and the entente powers, and it is considered that the Cretan now is playing his last trump in the struggle with the king. The information that an agreement may be reached between Greece and the entente comes from official sources and is based on telegrams from Greek ministers in entente capitals. The entente legations here, however, have not been advised of any change in the program of inaction.

The Greek government has submitted to representatives of the entente a proposal that Greece drop her policy of neutrality on condition only that she be accorded a loan sufficient to pay for the mobilization and equipment of the army.

General Constantine Moschopoulos, chief of staff of the Greek army, and 500 officers have signed a memorial addressed to the king demanding that Greece abandon its neutrality in the war.

One explanation of the departure of Mr. Venizelos advanced is that the foreign powers desire to nominate a prefect of Saloniki, thus definitely bringing about the separation of the city from Greece, and that Mr. Venizelos, to save Saloniki to Greece, is going to a conference with the entente allied authorities there in an endeavor to arrange another solution of the situation.

DOUBLE SMASHUP WORK OF BANDITS

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 27.—Bandits last Saturday wrecked a northbound National Railway passenger train between Gonzalez Junction and San Luis Potosi, Mexico, resulting in the loss of several lives and a few minutes later a southbound train, composed of passenger and freight cars, crashed head-on into the wreckage, which was set on fire by the bandits, resulting in the loss of about a score more lives, according to T. B. Hohler, British charge at Mexico City, who arrived here today.

GELATT TO ATTEND SERVICES OF WIFE

Chicago, Sept. 27.—The mystery concerning the whereabouts of Arthur A. Gelatt, son of a La Crosse, Wis., publisher, whose wife killed their child and herself several days ago, was cleared up today when young Gelatt appeared in Chicago from Philadelphia where he was preparing to enter the University of Pennsylvania.

Gelatt said he would attend the funeral of his wife here tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Showers this afternoon and tonight. Colder tonight, Thursday, unsettled and colder. Fresh shifting winds. Temperature at 7 a. m., 62. Highest yesterday, 81. Lowest last night, 60. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation, .79 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 58; at 7 a. m., 86; at 1 p. m. today, 82.

Stage of water, 3.9; a rise of 2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Special Man of Carranza Called Home

Washington, Sept. 27.—Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador-designate, now on his way to Mexico City, is expected by personal conferences, to give General Carranza a clearer understanding of the American view of difficulties between the two countries and state department officials hope he may be able to convince the first chief of the necessity of consenting to full consideration of all issues by the joint commission.

Mr. Arredondo left Washington quietly yesterday afternoon after calling on Secretary Lansing, Counselor Polk and Assistant Secretary Phillips. He explained to these officials that General Carranza had requested his presence in Mexico City.

Secretary Lansing said he had no direct knowledge of the purpose of Mr. Arredondo's trip but indicated that he expected him back in Washington within two or three weeks.

General Carranza has shown plainly recently that he is not in accord with the American idea of the work undertaken by the Mexican-American commission at New London. Officials here have been puzzled by his notice to governors of Mexican states that the commissioners would discuss nothing beyond the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico.

Mr. Arredondo's personal status in this country probably will be considered at his meeting with General Carranza. For a long time the envoy has been known to be dissatisfied with his doubtful position as ambassador-designate and to have desired his acceptance by the state department as ambassador and the accrediting of Henry P. Fletcher to Mexico City as ambassador there.

Mr. Fletcher, though named some time ago, has been held in Washington pending adjustment of the relations of this government with Mexico.

New London, Conn., Sept. 27.—The Mexican representatives on the joint commission that is seeking a basis for an agreement between this country and Mexico on border control, professed surprise today that the departure of Ambassador-designate Arredondo for Mexico was attributed in some quarters to failure of the commissioners to agree.

According to their information Mr. Arredondo's visit to Mexico will be brief and it is not due to the conference of the commissioners.

When the commissioners meet today the consideration of the different plans suggested for a better control of the border was continued.

IOWAN IS LATEST BLACKMAIL DUPE

Rich Widower, Whose Name Is Withheld, Said to Have Been Fleeced Out of \$10,000.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Investigation of a new blackmail plot involving a rich Iowan who is alleged to have been fleeced out of \$10,000, was started by federal officials today.

The method of extortion was declared to be the same as that employed in the so-called \$4,000,000 blackmail syndicate, agents of the federal department of justice said. Two young women and a Chicago attorney are involved. Neither their names nor the names of the Iowa victim will be made public until the arrests are made.

The Iowa merchant, who is a widower, is said to have been surprised in a compromising situation and his arrest followed by a man posing as a government agent. Pleadings of his companion led to the suggestion, federal officials said, that the affair might be adjusted by the payment of money. The Iowan paid.

LIFE LONG REPUB SUPPORTS WILSON

John D. Curtin, Chicago, In City on Business, Says He and Seven Sons Will Aid Democrats.

J. D. Curtin, Chicago, who is in the city on business, declared yesterday at the New Harbor, where he is registered, that although he is a life-long republican, he and his seven sons expect to vote for Woodrow Wilson for president.

"I consider Wilson the most remarkable man that this country has produced in the last half century," he stated in explaining his decision to support the democratic candidate for the presidency. "With the constant attacks made by Hughes, Wilson is a martyr, and the American people ought to thank God of the opportunity afforded to keep a man of his high ideals and broad statesmanship in office. This is the first time I have ever thought of not voting the republican ticket in a national campaign, but feel that under the circumstances that every loyal American should stand firmly behind Wilson, regardless of past party affiliation."

BIG GENERAL STRIKE IS ON IN NEW YORK

All Labor Unions in Sympathy With Street Car Men Effect Walkout.

125,000 ANSWER CALL

Leaders Claim That Number Have Responded to Summons—Some Balk?

New York, Sept. 27.—Union workers to the number of 125,000 went on strike today in sympathy with the striking traction employees, according to figures given out at a meeting of representatives of labor unions.

New York, Sept. 27.—The general strike of labor unions in sympathy with the striking street car men was supposed to be effective today and although labor leaders claimed that some 125,000 workers had responded to the call, there was little evidence that a strike was in progress.

Private canvassers reported that at least 25 unions had failed to respond to strike calls this forenoon. The only report received at police headquarters was that 250 members of the painters' union had refused to report for work.

Today leaders estimated about 125,000 trade unionists have responded to their call.

These were the figures reported to the meeting by the union delegates, according to Ernest Bohm, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

The trades which have responded to the strike call, he said, are the United Garment Workers, six building trades unions, the paper hangers unions, painters, house wreckers and a number of small organizations.

Bohm declared that 263,000 more would go out tomorrow.

List of Sympathizers.

Among the organizations which have voted to strike today, according to union officials are: Ladies' Garment Workers, 95,000; Clothing Workers, 40,000; Painters and Decorators, 15,000; Furriers, 15,000; Tinsmiths, 10,000; butchers, 10,000; stationary firemen, 3,500; paper box makers, 7,000; milliners, 6,000; jewelry workers, 3,000; brewery workers, 6,000. Total 209,500.

The leaders asserted they would be able to call out an additional 100,000 more daily for the next two or three days.

Far less than 125,000 union employees responded to the call, according to police reports. The officials said, however, that it was difficult to obtain an accurate estimate and declined to fix a definite figure.

BANKERS FAVOR CHANGE IN LAWS

Delegates Assembled at Kansas City to Recommend Shifts in Certain Rules.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27.—Recommendations for changes in the national banking and federal reserve acts were expected to be made here today by bankers attending the annual convention of the American Bankers' association.

This action was to come up before the national bank section, following last night's meeting addressed by John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, and was to concern consolidation into the federal reserve board of the offices and jurisdictions under the old national banking acts that are partially duplicated by the newer system.

The discussion was to embrace an immediate retirement of green backs and a gradual withdrawal of national bank notes in favor of the more recent reserve currency, return to members of the reserve system of part of their subscriptions, and making membership in it optional for banks with a surplus of less than \$100,000.

The visitors' program today also called for a trip to the country home of R. A. Long, wealthy lumber man, where a horse show will be held for them this afternoon.

Resume Battle for New Trial.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 27.—The legal battle to obtain a new trial for Charles Stielow, under sentence of death for the murder of Charles B. Phelps and his housekeeper, Mrs. Margaret Wolcott, in West Shelby, March 21, 1915, was resumed today before Supreme Court Justice Rodenbeck in special term.

Win Victory on Dobruja Front, Claim

Bucharest, Monday, Sept. 25. (via London, Sept. 27, 10:59 a. m.)—Details of the great battle on the Dobruja front which lasted from Sept. 17 to Sept. 19 and ended, according to General Averesco, in the decisive defeat of the German and Bulgarians, were given in an official statement issued by the war office today. The statement says:

"The supreme command learned on Sept. 17 that detachments of our forces had been compelled to retire before superior enemy forces and were falling back slowly, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Measures were taken to meet the situation and a desperate battle began on a front stretching from the Danube to the Black sea.

"The fighting opened along the Danube where enemy columns consisting mostly of German and Bulgarians, forced their way into Chernavoda. This effort was defeated by the Rumanians who, with repeated bayonet attacks supported by the fire of three monitors in the river, halted the advance of the enemy.

"In two days of desperate fighting the enemy suffered heavy losses, his massed formations being mowed down by artillery fire. In the center he was driven from trenches which he momentarily succeeded in penetrating by the allied Rumanian, Russian and Serbian troops.

"Finally at 9 o'clock p. m., Sept. 19, the enemy onslaught reached its climax. The allies by a formidable counter attack overthrew the enemy's right wing which fled in disorder. The enemy losses were very great, everywhere heaps of corpses were found and in front of one division alone 5,000 rifles were picked up. The allied troops then advanced, driving the enemy before them."

Sofia, Sept. 27. (via London, 12:15 p. m.)—After 10 days of heavy fighting between Serbian and Bulgarian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front the Bulgarians forced back their opponents, compelling them to retreat along the whole front, it was announced today.

Three successive French attacks near Alorina were repulsed. The French are said to have suffered great losses.

GIVE DEATH CASE TO LEGAL BODIES

Commissions Summoned to St. Joseph to Consider McDaniels Murder—Hearing Today.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 27.—Two legal bodies were summoned here today to begin consideration of the case of Oscar D. McDaniels, prosecuting attorney of Buchanan county, charged with the murder of his wife.

Preliminary hearing of the state warrant on which McDaniels is held, was set for this afternoon. Bart M. Lockwood, special prosecutor, announced that at this hearing he would ask that the prisoner be certified to the grand jury which would operate to deny him bail until the grand jury had concluded its deliberations. The grand jury was called to convene this morning.

LIFT BAN PLACED ON YANK TOBACCO

Washington, Sept. 27.—Great Britain has withdrawn regulations for the importation of cigar tobacco which American growers have declared would ruin their business and authorize its import on the basis of those in 1913, 1914 and 1915.

Consul General Skinner at London cabled the state department today of the change. The new order gives authority for practically normal imports of American tobacco into Great Britain. The tobacco affected comes largely from Florida, Connecticut, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Latest Bulletins

Charles City, Iowa, Sept. 27.—Andrew Pappen, 24, a farmer near Floyd, was instantly killed late yesterday by a lightning bolt, it was learned here today, while working in his barn during a storm. His wife also was in the barn, but was uninjured.

Quebec, Que., Sept. 27.—The Beaumont Home for Children and Aged Persons at Lauson, was destroyed by fire early today with a loss of \$50,000. The two hundred inmates were safely rescued.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Release of Major Arthur S. Humphries and Lieutenant Hugh Levick, Jr., the British army officers detained at Ellis Island on their arrival from England, was ordered today by Commissioner General Caminetti of the immigration bureau.

HAND IN HAND THEY THROW ENEMY BACK

Great Onrush of Entente Carries Thiepval and Other Works.

TAKE 4,000 PRISONERS

Vast Horde of Germans Opposing French and British Captured.

Berlin, Sept. 27. (by wireless to Sayville.)—After unusually severe fighting on the Somme front in which the entente allies suffered heavy losses they captured Thiepval and gained ground on both sides of Concreville, the war office announced today. Attacks further to the east were repulsed by the Germans.

Paris, Sept. 27. (noon.)—A brilliant French attack east of Verdamevillers has succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, the war office announced today.

London, Sept. 27. (11:45 a. m.)—Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed portion of General Haig's report of Tuesday night which was given out today. The report says:

"The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front between the Somme and the Ancre. Our troops were successful everywhere, carrying out their attacks most brilliantly. During the last 48 hours between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken."

The British again advanced on the Somme front last night, the war office announced today. The greatest success was won in the direction of Eaucourt L'Abbaye.

British Front in France, Sept. 26. (via London, Sept. 27, 4:05 a. m.)—The capture of Comblies was one of the most picturesque incidents in the whole course of the great Somme offensive. It marked the opening of today's forward surge of the British and French forces which reached its climax in the capture of Gueudecourt and Thiepval.

All night long bitter fighting had been in progress and with dawn the battle broadened to include the whole British left. Comblies fell as the sun rose on a perfect summer day. In the early hours of the morning the British took an orchard in the northern outskirts and then, after a heavy preliminary shelling, they charged the trenches on the edge of the village. The trenches were empty when they reached them. At the same time the French, dashing forward on the other side of the village, pushed victoriously forward into the heart of the village.

Dead and Wounded in Piles.

Comblies had a labyrinth of dugouts and well fortified cellars but at the last practically no defense was made. Those Germans who had not managed to escape when the town was hopelessly surrounded were taken prisoner. Cellars and dugouts were full of wounded.

Having cleared Comblies of any stray Germans the British and French moved on side by side to further attacks.

One of the most striking features of the fighting last night and today was the surprisingly slight resistance offered at Morval and Comblies by the Germans, according to British officers. Some German trenches taken yesterday were lightly occupied or not at all. In other instances the allied commanders stated that considerable bodies of Germans threw down their rifles promptly as soon as the attackers approached their trenches.

Resist Most at Gueudecourt.

Yesterday the British found the strongest defense made in front of Gueudecourt. There the Germans used their machine guns with tenacity and unyielding courage. The British resumed the attack today and tonight all the village is in their possession. Both today and yesterday the Germans showed an inclination to withdraw their guns immediately they were in any danger.

Meantime the British continue to pound the whole line with their seemingly inexhaustible supply of shells, leaving the Germans in doubt as to what sector will be the next to be attacked by the infantry.

Thiepval is Captured.

About midday today the British left had its turn in the region of Thiepval, at the other extreme of the battle front from Comblies. Here the fighting line joins the old German front trench line and the Germans, in their

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Iowa Trooper Is Drowned.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 27.—Dispatches today from the headquarters of the Iowa national guard at Brownsville, Texas, stated that James Rhodes, Company F, Second Infantry, was drowned late yesterday. Dispatches last night state that Rhodes' body had been found but did not disclose the cause of his death.